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| For | : | IDENTIFYING ITEMS WITH NUCLEIC |) | |
| | | ACID TAGGANTS |) | |
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AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the September 27, 2006 office action, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 1 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1. (original) A method of identifying a tagged item comprising:
recovering a nucleic acid containing taggant sample from an item, wherein the taggant sample potentially contains one or more target nucleic acids;
providing a detection unit comprising one or more sets of electrically separated electrical conductor pairs, each conductor having an attached capture probe such